

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
STATE OF IOWA COMMISSION OF ELDER AFFAIRS
February 7, 2003
Teleconference**

Present: Harold Davis
Craig Downing
J. Russell Lowe
Clemmie Hightower
Hazel Chuck
Senator David Johnson

Absent: Dr. Jane Paulsen
Dr. Yogesh Shah
Representative Todd Taylor
Senator Joe Bolckcom

Others Present: Mark Haverland, Mary Ann Young, Sherry James, Joel Wulf

Call to Order

A teleconference business meeting of the Commission of Elder Affairs was held on February 7, 2003. The teleconference was necessary due to a short agenda and the distance some Commissioners would need to travel to attend the meeting.

Chairperson Harold Davis called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm. The recording secretary conducted roll call. The following Commissioners answered roll call: Harold Davis, J. Russell Lowe, Clemmie Hightower, Craig Downing, Hazel Chuck and Senator Johnson. A quorum was present.

Agenda

Action: Commissioner Lowe moved, Commissioner Hightower seconded, the agenda be approved as printed. A roll call vote determined all Commission members participating voted "aye".

Administrative Rules – RSVP

Mary Ann updated the Commissioners on the RSVP Administrative Rules. The State RSVP Committee drafted revised Iowa Administrative Code 321, Chapter 14. The revisions updated the Administrative Code Section, defined the responsibilities of the State Committee and outlined the grant process. The public comment period was exhausted with no comments received. With approval of adoption, the revised rules will be filed next week, with an effective date in April, 2003.

Action: Commissioner Downing moved, Commissioner Lowe seconded, to file the RSVP Administrative Rules as presented. A roll call vote determined all Commission members participating voted "aye".

Legislative Update

Joel reported the Department is working to get the Omnibus bill, Adult Day Service and Assisted Living Program, written. They are in final format and ready to be presented for debate. There was some discussion regarding the routing of the bills. Department personnel will be meeting with the House Human Services Sub-committee on February 11th to discuss the bill. There are several competing bills and much interest in this issue.

Joel updated the Commissioners on other bills of interest to the department. A couple of OIL bills and a dementia related illness bill as well as the break down of the Senior Living Trust monies will also be followed with interest. There are many advocacy groups concerned about the SLT.

Other

Senator Johnson encouraged the Commissioners to continue to meet with their respective legislators to discuss and educate them on bills of interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 10:00 at the Urbandale Public Library.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date